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Gold Fraud Case

CCB flooded with 200 complaints

Investigation expands across Karnataka; KPID Act invoked

Mysuru, May 20 (GA&BCT)- The Mysuru City Crime Branch (CCB) has received more than 200 complaints within just four days in connection with the multi-crore gold fraud allegedly committed by Soundar Raj alias Chinnathambi and his associate companies, SDJ Gold Company, DGF Gold and Diamonds and Dhanaganapathi Finance.

On May 16, the City Police had appealed to the public to approach the CCB office with relevant documents to assist in the ongoing investigation into the large-scale fraud.

Soundar Raj, proprietor of Dhana Ganapathi Golden and Diamond Firm (DGF), is accused of cheating customers by promising to purchase gold ornaments at premium prices and provide loans at low interest rates. Police said he allegedly melted pledged ornaments without paying customers their due value and misused the assets for personal gain.

The public advisory issued by the Mysuru City Police against fraudulent practices.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, CCB Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Mohammad Sharif Rawathar said the designated Investigating Officer at CCB office has so far received over 200 complaints.

"Since May 16, we have been flooded with complaints, not only from Mysuru but from different parts of the State. Considering the scale of financial exploitation, cases are being booked under the stringent Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments (KPID) Act," he said.

(See CCB on page 7)

Booze party at Palace gate!

Outrage over late-night public drinking near Jayamarthanda Gate

Mysuru, May 20 (BLU,PM & BCT)- The premises near the Jayamarthanda Gate of the Mysore Palace, facing Doddakere Maidan, have turned into a late-night gathering spot for public drinking, raising concerns over safety and policing in the area.

A video that began circulating on social media last night has sparked widespread criticism after three men were seen consuming alcohol in front of the iconic gate late at night. The footage shows the men drinking from tin-like containers and smoking cigarettes beside a car bearing a Ranchi (Jharkhand) registration number.

(See PARTY on page 6)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 20th May 2026

Disruption in power supply

Mysuru, May 20- As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has taken up quarterly maintenance works at 66/11 KV Megalapura Power Distribution Centre, there will be disruption in power supply tomorrow (May 21) bewteen 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas:

Inam Uttanahalli, M.C. Hundi, M.G. Hundi, Keelanapura, Megalapura, Duddagere, Madhavagere, Mahadevi Colony, P.G. Hundi, Chattanahalli, Hosahalli, Kuppegala, Siddaramanahundi, Yadakola, Ranganathapura, Srinivasapura, Kadavekattehundi, T. Narasipur Main Road and surrounding areas, according to a press release.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

LIFE & DEATH - TWO MILESTONES OF A JOURNEY: ***Human life is a remarkable journey, one that begins with arrival and continues through many transitions. We celebrate birth with joy, yet the mere mention of death fills us with fear, grief and uncertainty. This contrast arises not from truth, but from our limited understanding. If life is an art, then death is an integral part of its completion. It is, therefore, not enough to learn how to live; we must also learn to face death with awareness.***

Our greatest illusion lies in believing that death is an end. Nature, in its silent wisdom, teaches us otherwise. The setting sun does not disappear; it rises elsewhere. A falling leaf does not perish; it becomes part of the soil, nurturing new life. In the same way, death is not annihilation but transformation, a change of state, form and journey. It is neither inauspicious nor tragic; it is a natural and inevitable truth. Yet, we have turned it into a symbol of fear because we do not understand it. What remains unknown often becomes the source of fear.

This brings us to a deeper question: why do we celebrate birth but mourn death? When a child is born, we rejoice at the arrival of a new life. When someone departs, we grieve as though everything has ended. But a deeper reflection reveals that both birth and death are stages within the continuous cycle of existence shaped by karma. Birth marks the continuation of this journey and death is not an end, but a transition within it. True liberation lies not in death itself, but in freedom from the cycle of birth and death; it is in moksh.

The fear of death is the fear of the unknown that lies beyond. We strive to understand life yet hesitate to reflect upon death. As a result, death appears as darkness. But understanding dissolves fear. Even science acknowledges that energy is never destroyed, only transformed. While the Atman is not the same as physical energy, this principle offers a helpful analogy, suggesting continuity rather than absolute cessation. The journey of the Atman is continuous; death is a milestone, not the destination. Dying is a conscious process and the art of dying means to depart with awareness, without fear, without regret and with minimal attachment. Jain wisdom places great importance on the final state of consciousness, as it shapes the soul's onward journey. Only one who has lived with awareness can face death with equanimity.

The nature of one's departure is influenced by the inner state cultivated during life. A life filled with restlessness, malice and imbalance often culminates in agitation. But a life rooted in compassion, balance and awareness can culminate in a calm and composed departure.

Much of the sorrow associated with death arises not for the one who departs, but for those who remain. The root cause is attachment. We often mistake possession for love, binding relationships in ownership. When separation occurs, pain follows. But true love liberates; it does not bind. Jain thought, emphasises *samata,* ***equanimity. It teaches us neither to be excessively elated at birth nor excessively grief-stricken at death. To live in equanimity is to see both life and death as two milestones of the same journey.***

—Aacharya Pragyasagar in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

RC plane bigger than a Cesna Plane

New York: RC plane enthusiast and popular YouTuber Ramy RC recently unveiled his most impressive creation yet, a 1/8 scale RC model of the Airbus A380 airliner. The massive aircraft fuselage was cut out of a giant foam block and reinforced with fiberglass and carbon weave.

The four 250-mm motors sitting under the wings are capable of lifting this behemoth off the ground, despite its 800-pound weight. RC Airbus A380 weighs a whopping 800 pounds, has a wingspan of 32 feet (9.75 meters), and can fly like a full-size jet.

Ramy RC's creation is long and wide enough to actually fit a person inside, horizontally, and is about the size of some Cesna light planes. Although specific flight speeds have not yet been revealed, the fact that this enormous RC model can actually take off and land like an actual jet (with servo-powered landing train and everything) is impressive enough.

CEO runs food stall in a smart suit

Beijing: A 19-year-old street food stall owner in Yantai, China, recently went viral on social media because of his unusual attire - an elegant business suit.

Xiao Lu started running his family's street food stall when he was 17. His father prepared the ingredients while he handled the cooking, but Lu quickly realised he needed something to set himself apart from the many other similar stalls in the market. One day, he put on a vest to add a touch of class to his attire, but the feedback was so positive that he eventually ended up donning a full business suit.

Though his family assists him by cutting the ingredients and preparing the different sauces and broths, he steals the show with his unusual attire and CEO-like demeanour. He has become so popular on social media that people started traveling from all over the country just to see him in action.

HEALTH CAPSULE

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By Dr. Anil Kumar Y C - Consultant – Paediatrics
Manipal Hospitals Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

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Telugu Samskruthika Samithi to host 'An Evening with Samavedam'

Samavedam

Mysuru, May 20- Telugu Samskruthika Samithi, Mysuru, has organised 'An Evening with Samavedam' at PD Reddy Telugu Bhavanam in Ramakrishnanagar on May 26 from 6.30 pm to 8 pm. It features a divine discourse by Brahmashri Samavedam Shanmukha Sarma, a renowned spiritual luminary, recipient of the Samanvaya Saraswati and Telugu Koyila awards.

Profile: Brahmasri Samavedam, born on May 16, 1967, is an eminent Indian spiritual teacher, scholar, lyricist and journalist.

Hailing from a scholarly family, he seamlessly blends profound devotion with deep philosophical insight, making complex Vedic texts, Puranas and Sastras accessible to modern audiences.

He is renowned globally for his pravachanams (lectures) on 'Prastana Trayam' (Upanishads, Brahmasutras, Bhagavad Gita), 'Ramayanam', 'Bhagavatam' and various Puranas. He has authored extensive spiritual commentaries such as 'Sri Rudra Bhashyam' and 'Sri Lalita Vidya.' A highly acclaimed lyricist, he has penned the popular devotional series 'Siva Padam' and has contributed to Telugu cinema. He is the Editor of the monthly spiritual magazine 'Rushipeetam,' dedicated to preserving Indian cultural heritage.

WATER LEVEL

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Yesterday's level **86.86 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,254.28 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,823.52 feet**
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VOICE OF THE READER

UGD work over, but traffic woes continue

Junction of Contour Road and 9th Cross in Gokulam remains unmotorable

Sir,

Repeated trenching works taken up for Underground Drainage (UGD) pipeline laying from Nirmala Convent Junction towards Gokulam Third Stage were completed nearly two months ago.

During the execution of the civil works, motorists and pedestrians had to endure severe inconvenience due to dust, traffic congestion and unsafe road conditions.

However, despite the completion of the pipeline works several weeks ago, the authorities concerned have failed to restore the road to a proper motorable condition.

The stretch continues to remain uneven and hazardous, making commuting extremely difficult, particularly during peak hours.

The junction of Contour Road and 9th Cross has become a major bottleneck, resulting in frequent traffic snarls and inconvenience to road users.

Residents and commuters are unable to understand why the road has been left in such a deplorable condition months after completion of the underground works. Tax-paying citizens are being subjected to avoidable hardship daily.

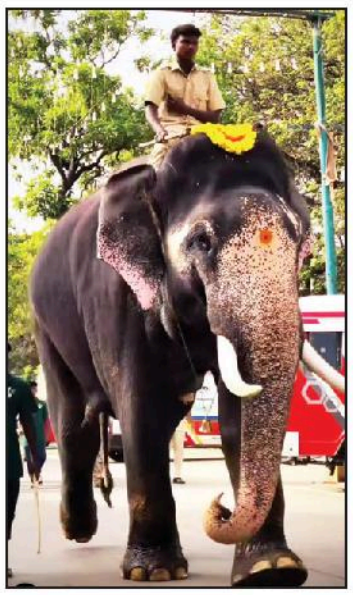
The Mysuru City Corporation and the agencies concerned must immediately take up permanent restoration and resurfacing of the damaged stretch and ensure that the road is made safe and fully motorable without any further delay.

—K. Chandrahas
on e-mail

Mysuru
15.5.2026

Fatal Dubare Camp elephant clash

Kanjan barred from Mysuru Dasara



Mysuru, May 20 (MTY&BCT)- Following the violent attack by Dasara elephant Kanjan on elephant Jai Marthanda at Dubare Elephant Camp, which later led to Jai Marthanda's death, Forest Minister Eshwar B. Khandre has directed that Kanjan will no longer participate in the Mysuru Dasara celebrations.

The sudden clash between the two elephants also claimed the life of a woman tourist from Chennai, casting a shadow of grief over the camp.

Kanjan, a 27-year-old tusker captured near Yasalur in 2014, had participated in the Mysuru Dasara festivities for the last three years. His exclusion from future celebrations marks a significant decision, considering the cultural and ceremonial importance attached to Dasara elephants.

Jai Marthanda, weighing around 4,500 kg, was captured near Alur in Hassan district in 2023. The death of Jai Marthanda left Mahouts and camp staff devastated.

Mahout Ghouse and Kavadi Naveen, who had cared for the elephant over the past three years, broke down while bidding farewell to the animal they considered part of their family. Other Mahouts at the camp also joined the final rites and paid their respects.

In the aftermath of the tragedy, tourist entry to the Dubare camp has been suspended. The camp wore a deserted look as staff and Mahouts mourned the loss. A post-mortem examination was conducted before the elephant was cremated yesterday.

The incident has also triggered criticism over alleged lapses in vigilance at the camp. Members of the public have questioned whether adequate precautions were in place, arguing that Mahouts, Kavadis and Forest personnel should remain constantly alert to elephant behaviour, particularly in the presence of tourists.

Many blamed negligence for the deaths of both the woman and the elephant.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Preliminary meeting tomorrow

Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy will chair a preliminary meeting regarding Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Jayanti celebration at DC office here at 4 pm tomorrow (May 21).

Intuition programme for children

Sri Ravishankar Gurudev's Art of Living has organised Intuition Programme for children and teens in the age group of 8 to 18 years from today (May 20) to 23 from 10.30 am to 4 pm at Art of Living Ashram, Lalitadripura Road, Mysuru. Also, there will be online programme from May 24 to 30. [Mob: 98456-85892 or 98459-63387].

Free cancer detection clinic

A free Cancer Detection Clinic has been organised at Preethi Cancer Centre in Lakshmipuram on May 21 from 10 am to 8 pm. For details, contact Ph: 0821-4259259.

Obituary

Nellira D. Vasu

Mysuru, May 20- Nellira D. Vasu (76), an ex-serviceman and a resident of N.R. Mohalla, passed away this morning in city.

A native of Birunani village in Ponnampet taluk of Kodagu district, he leaves behind his wife Tulasi (Karthamada), daughter Pranitha and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at his estate in Birunani village today, according to family sources.

Dr. S. Prasannakumar

Dr. S. Prasannakumar (88), retired Deputy Director of Animal Husbandry Department and a resident of VV Puram, passed away at his son's residence in Bengaluru yesterday. He had served as the President of Retired Veterinarians Association, Mysuru.

He leaves behind his wife Hemalatha, daughter Roopa, son Rajendra and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Hebbal Crematorium in Bengaluru today, according to family sources.

Ganja hidden among marigold, pigeon pea crops: Additional SP

Mysuru, May 20 (BCT)- Additional Superintendent of Police C. Mallik has said cannabis (ganja) plants are often cultivated clandestinely among crops such as marigold and pigeon pea and directed officials of the Horticulture and Agriculture Departments to conduct regular field inspections to detect illegal cultivation.

Speaking at the Narco Coordination (NCORD) Committee meeting held at the Deputy Commissioner's office yesterday, Mallik warned that drug abuse poses a serious threat to society and called for intensified awareness campaigns to curb both sales and consumption of narcotics.

He said June 26, observed as the International Day Against Drug Abuse, would be marked with awareness programmes involving college students and various Government Departments.

Additional Superintendent of Police C. Mallik chairing the Narco Coordination (NCORD) Committee meeting at the Deputy Commissioner's office yesterday.

Similarly, innovative campaigns will be organised on May 31 as part of World No Tobacco Day to highlight the harmful effects of smoking, including passive smoking.

Referring to de-addiction centres operating in the district, Mallik instructed officials to ensure strict compliance with prescribed norms. Hostels were also advised to install CCTV cameras to monitor student activities and keep track of food parcels ordered from outside.

Sharing recent data, officials said the Health Department's COTPA (Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003) division registered 561 cases in April and collected Rs. 1.25 lakh fines.

The Excise Department reported 20 Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act cases in rural Mysuru, leading to the arrest of 14 persons and seizure of 58.335 kg of ganja and 50 live cannabis plants.

The meeting was attended by ACP Manoj Kumar from Mysuru City Police Commissioner's office, Assistant Drug Controllers B.V. Ashalatha and Waseem Ur Rehaman Shariff, Assistant Director, Department of Information and Public Relations Nirmala, among others.

Unidentified bodies found

Mysuru, May 20 (KS)- In separate cases, Mysuru City and Railway Police have found bodies of unidentified persons at various locations in city and have registered cases.

In the first case, an unidentified man, who was found lying in an unconscious state near Harding Circle and admitted to K.R. Hospital by Nazarbad Police has breathed his last at the hospital.

The deceased is aged about 55 years, 5.7 ft. tall, oily red complexioned, round faced, has a mole on the right side near his stomach and was wearing a red coloured half arm shirt and black formal pants.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Nazarbad Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418308.

In the second case, The Mysuru Railway Police on Apr. 27 found a highly decomposed body of a man next to the railway track between Sagarakatte and K.R. Nagar and have shifted the body to Mandya District Hospital mortuary.

The deceased is aged between 50 and 60 years, well built, light brown complexioned, round faced and was wearing a purple coloured full arm shirt, black pants and black belt.

The kith and kin of deceased may contact Mysuru Railway Police Station on Ph: 0821-2516579 or Mob: 94808-02122.

In the third case, Narasimharaja (NR) Police found a body of a man aged about 50 years under Varuna Canal bridge on Hale Kesare Road and have shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary.

The deceased is 5.5 ft. tall, round faced, normal built, dark complexioned, sports beard and moustache, has the name 'Lakshmi' tattooed on his right hand and 'Putti' on his left hand and was wearing a blue coloured full arm shirt and jean pants.

The kith and kin of the deceased may call NR Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418312 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

In the fourth case, Jayalakshmipuram Police, on Apr. 28, have found a body of an unidentified man on the footpath of Temple Road and have registered a case.

The deceased is aged between 35 and 40 years, 5.5 ft. tall, oval faced, normal built, oily red complexioned, sports beard and moustache, has 'ABS' tattooed on his left hand, flower design around his right arm, heart symbol and 'Ganga' on his chest.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Jayalakshmipuram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418316 or contact Ph: 0821-2418339.

In the fifth case, an unidentified man, who was found lying sick on Ashoka Road and admitted to K.R. Hospital by Lashkar Police, has breathed his last at the hospital.

The deceased is aged about 55 years, 5.5 ft. tall, well built, light brown complexioned, sports beard and moustache, has moles below his stomach and on the right side of his nose and was wearing a blue coloured gown.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Lashkar Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418107/307 or contact Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Gang poses as 'fundraisers', cheats public in Mandya

Mandya, May 20 (KS)- There is a gang on the prowl which is robbing people on the pretext of collecting donations.

The gang members act as if they are specially abled and rob people of their mobile phones, purse and other items. Two such incidents have been caught on CCTV cameras.

The gang is said to be active in Mandya and Mysuru and such incidents have taken place at the General Post Office on VV Road in Mandya and at Karnataka Grameena Bank in Kalenahalli village at Mandya taluk. Both the incidents have been caught on CCTV cameras.

Details: The gang members posing as deaf, dumb and blind visit banks, post offices, jewellery stores, mobile phone shops and other crowded places on the pretext of collecting donations, divert the attention of the people and decamp with mobile phones and other valuable items.

The gang members steal mobile phones and flee with their accomplice, who would be waiting outside on a bike.

An incident of a gang member fleeing with an accomplice on a bike after decamping with a mobile phone at Karnataka Grameena Bank at Kalenahalli has been caught on a CCTV camera.

The footage shows a man entering the bank and sitting on a chair near the counter and asking donations from bank customers. He then holds a paper, picks up a mobile phone kept on the table and walks out of the Bank. Similar incident has also taken place at the General Post Office in Mandya town.

Mandya West and Mandya Rural Police are investigating.

Three arrested for smuggling PDS rice; 11 quintals seized

Mysuru, May 20 (KS)- In a joint operation, the Food and Civil Supplies Department officials and the Police have taken three persons into custody after they were found transporting PDS rice illegally in an auto on Sunday.

A total of 11.43 quintal PDS rice, which was purchased from the public and the auto used for the transportation has been seized.

Those taken into custody are 34-year-old Fayaz Pasha of B.M. Sri Nagar, 38-year-old Siddiq Pasha of Sathagalli and 24-year-old Mubarak Pasha of Kalyangiri in city.

Following a tip off, Food Inspector C.A. Manjunath, Mysuru South Police Sub-Inspector Shanthalingaiah, Rammanahalli Sub Police Station staff Imranuddin and Raghavendra, stopped a passenger auto at Bhugathahalli Gate, which was coming from Hanchya village side and inspected the auto during which they found 19 bags of PDS rice.

When the Food Department officials and the Police questioned the three, they are said to have told them that they had purchased the rice from the residents of Belavatta and were transporting the rice to Bannur.

A case has been registered at Mysuru South Police Station and legal action has been initiated.

Greater MCC, Greater woes?

- Mounting civic problems raise questions ahead of MCC expansion
- Potholed roads, garbage dumps expose gaps in city management

Mysuru, May 20 (PM&BS)- Even as the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) prepares to expand its limits and transform into a Greater Mysuru City Corporation, serious questions are being raised about its ability to manage the city's mounting civic issues.

Modern Mysuru, envisioned by erstwhile Maharaja Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar with well-planned infrastructure suited to his era, appears to have gradually lost its charm amid what many see as administrative inefficiency and neglect.

Potholes in the heart of the city continue to endanger commuters. A massive pothole in front of the KSRTC Sub-Urban Bus Stand, on an already congested stretch, stands as a glaring example of official apathy.

The unoccupied Hawker Zone near Ashoka (Ballal) Circle.

The disputed Mayura Complex site turned into a dump yard.

Footpath vendors affecting smooth pedestrian movement.

A huge pothole in front of KSRTC Sub-Urban Bus Stand.

Unused Hawker Zones

The dedicated Hawker Zones developed to rehabilitate footpath vendors near Ashoka Circle (Ballal Circle) on New Kantharaj Urs Road remain largely unused.

The facility, equipped with shelters & earmarked bays, was built under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY-NULM) Scheme at an estimated cost of Rs. 69 lakh.

On the opposite side too, another Hawker Zone, among the first of its kind in the city and constructed nearly a decade ago without shelters, remains vacant as vendors continue to occupy footpaths instead of relocating.

Meanwhile, not all of the 43 newly-installed traffic signals function throughout the day. The signals themselves had drawn criticism from the public, with many terming them "unscientific" and blaming them for worsening congestion instead of easing traffic movement.

Footpath encroachment

Rampant footpath encroachments across the city have forced pedestrians onto busy roads, often leading to fatal and non-fatal accidents. The situation is particularly alarming on Sayyaji Rao Road between K.R. Circle and the Devaraja Market junction, where makeshift stalls have virtually taken over the footpaths.

Adding to the civic mess is the growing garbage menace, with road corners increasingly turning into dumping points despite the relentless efforts of Pourakarmikas to keep the city clean.

The disputed Mayura Complex site at Vedanta Hemmige Circle, adjacent to SDM Women's College at the junction of JLB Road and New Kantharaj Urs Road, is a telling example.

Missing bollards

In several parts of the city, retro-reflective bollards (orange fibre spring posts) have been installed to separate cycle lanes from the main carriageway.

However, the lanes are largely misused by two-wheelers, defeating the very purpose of the initiative. Near Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Circle in Ramakrishnanagar, some of the bollards are already missing. Other persistent civic concerns include stray cattle and dogs, which not only disrupt smooth traffic flow but also pose a threat to elderly pedestrians. Incomplete Storm Water Drain works on Dewan's Road further expose the poor state of civic management. Trenches dug for the drains have accumulated waste and during rains, overflowing water spills onto the roads, causing inconvenience to residents.

With civic problems mounting across Mysuru, residents now hope the MCC will address at least the most pressing issues as a priority before stepping into its expanded role as Greater MCC.

The incomplete stormwater drain on Dewan's Road. Picture right shows the Cycle Lane that remains unused near Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Circle in Ramakrishnanagar.

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Nationwide pharmacy bandh call

Poor response; medical stores stay open in city

Chemists and druggists extend support by sporting black bands

The 24-hour bandh called by AIOCD received poor response in city as majority of pharmacies continued to operate as usual. Picture extreme right shows pharmacist N. Raghavan of Raghulal and Co. sporting a black band around his arm in support of protest while dispensing medicine at his store on Sayyaji Rao Road this morning.

Mysuru, May 20 (BLU&VNS)- The 24-hour pharmacy bandh called by All India Organisation of Chemists and Druggists (AIOCD) received a poor response in Mysuru as majority of pharmacies functioned as usual this morning.

While only a few of the medical shops affiliated to AIOCD have closed their businesses in protest, the rest were doing business as usual.

The Karnataka Pharma Retailers and Distributors' Organisation (KPRDO) had clearly stated that it would support the decision of closing the pharmacies, but instead, it extended symbolic support with chemists sporting a black band around their arms in support of the protest.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Mysore District Chemists and Distributors Association President S. Manjunath said that there are 3,000 medical shops in Mysuru and only a few chemists under AIOCD had shut their businesses in extending their support to the strike.

"We have not shut our shops as closing the business will cause a lot of inconvenience to the patients and we are classified as essential commodities under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. There are different ways to protest and air our grievances, shutting the shops will not find any solutions to the issue," he added.

Manjunath said that the Association was also against the online sale of medicines and added that nearly 13 percent to 17 percent of medicines were sold online.

"Despite the presence of online sales, nearly 80 percent of medicines are dispensed through medical shops. We have been protesting against the online sales where medicines are allegedly dispensed without prescriptions from doctors. The Department of Food Safety and Drugs Administration has also been initiating measures to curb such online sales," he added.

It may be recalled that the Pharmacy Associations had called for a 24-hour bandh of medical shops in protest against the unauthorised online medicine trade, unsustainable discounts, sale of fake, expired and substandard medicines through online channels, unfair practices posing a threat to pharmacy retailers and distributors. The pharmacists have also demanded strong enforcement against violators and unethical practices.

'Act on effective implementation of PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana'

Regional Commissioner Dr. Nitesh Patil addressing the meeting at Vijayanagar in city yesterday.

Mysuru, May 20 (MTY&BS)- Regional Commissioner Dr. Nitesh Patil, who holds additional charge as the Managing Director of Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Ltd, has instructed the officials to act on creating awareness effectively about Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana.

Addressing the meeting of CESC officials and vendors at the main office of CESC at Vijayanagar in city yesterday, Patil said, even though PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana was launched in 2024, the number of applications received are not satisfactory. In the wake of rise in power tariff, consumers may save a minimum of Rs. 25,000 per year by switching over to solar energy by installing roof top solar panels. Subsidy facility is available and is profitable for the consumers. Awareness should be created about the scheme to attract more number of takers for the scheme, he underlined.

The consumers should get information about vendors easily, so that they can select vendors as per their requirement and convenience.

The CESC officers should expedite steps on verifying the applications soon after receiving the same. It seems not many consumers lack adequate knowledge of vendors, said Patil, instructing the CESC officers to contact such consumers to provide the information.

The scheme should be implemented in coordination with District Administration, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and other Urban Local Bodies (ULBs). The genuine consumers should be visited and explained about the benefits. The vendors should complete works pertaining to installation of Smart Meters, within five days after the process of verifying applications is completed and instil confidence about roof top installation of solar panels.

CESC Technical Officer Sharanamma S. Jangina, Chief Engineer L. Lokesh, Superintendent Engineers Suneel Kumar and Somashekar, General Managers H.R. Dinesh and R. Ramaswamy were present.

Party at Palace gate!

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The video, reportedly shot by a passerby from another vehicle, has shocked many residents, who questioned how such behaviour could go unchecked at one of Mysuru's most prominent heritage landmarks. They condemned the incident as a violation of public decorum and criticised the apparent lack of Police intervention.

Concerns were further raised after one of the men was allegedly seen driving the car away, leading to fears that he may have been under the influence of alcohol. Several residents also questioned what they called the selective enforcement of the law.

According to eyewitnesses and local sources, groups of tourists and youngsters frequently gather near the historic gate between 11 pm and midnight, with some staying there into the early hours of the morning.

Although the Police have placed barricades in the area to restrict access, visitors reportedly continue to bypass them to take photographs and consume alcohol openly.

Police inaction?: This is not the first time security arrangements near the Jayamarthanda Gate have come under scrutiny. Months ago, following the tragic helium gas cylinder blast at the same location that claimed three lives, the city Police had tightened vigil and deployed personnel to disperse late-night crowds.

However, residents say the strict monitoring did not continue for long. Though Police personnel remain stationed near one side of the gate, eyewitnesses allege that they rarely intervene in activities taking place just across the barricaded stretch.

"Despite barricades and Police presence, people continue to gather and drink there till early morning. The Police remain on one side and seldom intervene," said a regular late-night commuter.

Residents have urged the City Police Commissioner to step in and strengthen night patrolling around the Palace gates and have demanded stricter enforcement against public drinking and proactive measures to prevent the heritage precinct from turning into a hotspot for anti-social activities.

National Technology Day celebrated at CFTRI

Mysuru, May 20 (VNS) - National Technology Day was celebrated at CSIR-CFTRI with the theme 'Responsible Innovation for Inclusive Growth', in city recently. The programme highlighted the importance of technology-driven innovations in addressing societal and industrial needs.

A. Apparao, Managing Director, CEC Flavours and Fragrances Pvt. Ltd., who was the Chief Guest, delivered the Technology Day address.

Recalling his long association with CFTRI, he stated that the short-term courses offered by the institute had played a significant role in shaping his professional journey. He observed that industries are increasingly looking for innovative technologies to meet the ever-growing demands of consumers.

Speaking on advancements in the flavour industry, Apparao said that precision and personalisation are no longer buzzwords but have become realities in the sector. He noted that flavour technology today can recreate highly complex profiles ranging from mother's milk to fish eggs.

He also highlighted the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in decoding complex flavour profiles to ensure the authenticity of raw materials. Further, he spoke about recent advancements in identifying the ripening stages of mangoes through stripe analysis technologies.

A. Apparao, Managing Director, CEC Flavours and Fragrances Pvt. Ltd, lighting the traditional lamp to inaugurate the National Technology Day celebrations at CFTRI in city recently as (from left) Dr. Aashitosh A. Inamdar, Scientist-G and Head, TTBD and CSIR-CFTRI Director Dr. Giridhar Parvatam look on.

Dr. Aashitosh A. Inamdar, Scientist-G and Head, TTBD, briefed the gathering about the significance of National Technology Day and presented an overview of CFTRI's industry engagements during 2025–26.

Presiding over the programme, Dr. Giridhar Parvatam, Director, CSIR-CFTRI, said that technology transfer acts as a transformational process for industries by helping understand and address their requirements effectively.

He emphasised that CFTRI continues to extend support to industries through sponsored projects and consultancy services. He also appreciated the efforts of the CFTRI teams in developing technologies that have significantly benefited the food industry.

Dr. Giridhar further stressed that R&D works that could not progress beyond certain Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs) should be revisited on priority, as they could open up new dimensions in research and innovation.

The event witnessed exchange of license agreements and distribution of certificates to members of the S&T team. Staff members, research scholars and students participated in the programme.

Study circle meeting tomorrow

Mysuru, May 20- The Mysore Division Tax Practitioners Association is conducting study circle meeting on Income Tax 2025 tomorrow between 6 pm and 7.30 pm.

Interested tax practitioners may contact Association President B.S. Venkataramu on Mob: 98447-17665 for further details, according to a press release from the Association.

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Petrol, diesel prices hiked yet again

Fuel rates up by 94 paise in Mysuru

Mysuru, May 20- Petrol and diesel prices were hiked again on Tuesday, with fuel rates rising by around 90 paise per litre across the country. This marks the second increase in less than a week as soaring global crude oil prices continue to put pressure on State-run oil companies.

With the latest revision, petrol price in Mysuru is increased to Rs 106.67 per litre from Rs. 105.73, while diesel rose to Rs. 94.63 per litre from Rs. 93.69

The latest hike comes just four days after oil marketing companies had hiked petrol and diesel prices by Rs. 3 per litre on May 15.

Following that revision, petrol prices in Mysuru had jumped from Rs. 102.47 to Rs. 105.73 per litre, while diesel prices rose from Rs. 90.57 to Rs. 93.69 per litre.

The earlier hike was introduced amid a sharp rise in international crude oil prices triggered by geopolitical tensions in West Asia and disruptions in global oil supply routes.

Despite the Rs 3 increase, oil companies were reportedly still facing substantial losses due to the widening gap between international crude prices and domestic retail fuel rates.

CCB flooded with 200 complaints

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Accused in judicial custody

The CCB launched an intensive crackdown on the accused following public protests in front of the City Police Commissioner's office. Based on a complaint lodged by H. Mahantesh of Davangere, the Kuvempunagar Police registered an FIR against Soundar Raj. CCB officials arrested him on April 29.

The case has been registered at Kuvempunagar Police Station under various sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), including cheating and criminal breach of trust.

The accused is currently in judicial custody. ACP Rawathar said that while the initial complaints surfaced in Mysuru, victims from across Karnataka are now coming forward.

"Given the huge number of complaints and the financial trail involved, the detailed investigation is likely to take another four to five months," he added.

Meanwhile, to caution the public against further fraud, the City Police Commissioner recently released a video advisory and awareness posters on the official Facebook page of Mysuru City Police. The advisory lists the outlets operated by the accused and warns citizens against entering into any financial or business dealings with those establishments.

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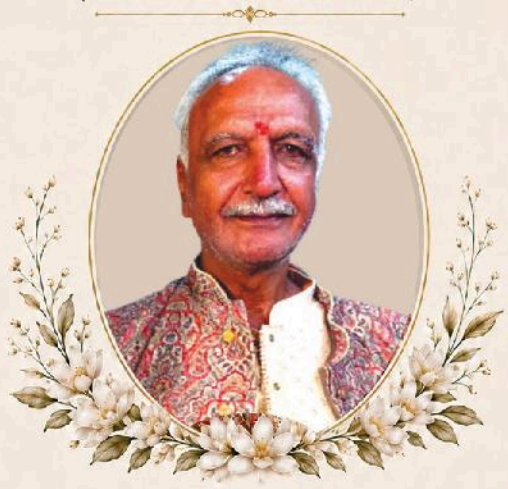

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THE LIGHTER SIDE

By Dr. R. Balasubramaniam

Understanding shoe size

I have spent a considerable part of my life trying to understand shoe size. Not in the literal sense. I know what a size nine is. I have worn one for decades without philosophical confusion. What baffles me is the way we use the idea of shoe size as a proxy for wisdom, authority and the right to an opinion.

The principle, as I have observed it operating in our public life, is straightforward. The size of your shoe determines not only what you may say, but whether anyone is expected to listen. A person wearing a very large shoe walks into a room and speaks. The room adjusts itself accordingly.

A person in a modest shoe makes the same observation and the room waits politely for someone in a larger shoe to repeat it. When the repetition occurs, the room nods as if encountering the idea for the first time.

I first noticed this in a development organisation I was associated with many years ago. A field worker who had spent six years working in remote tribal villages in the Western Ghats offered an observation about what was not working in a particular programme. She spoke from experience so direct and granular that no study could have replicated it. The room received her comments with the warmth one extends to a child who has said something unexpectedly coherent.

A senior consultant who had visited the field once, for half a day, then offered the same observation in different words. The room leaned forward. Someone took notes.

The field worker had the smaller shoe. The consultant had the larger one. This explained everything.

In the world of public policy, the shoe size calculation becomes quite elaborate. It accounts for where you studied, what designation appears on your card, how many international platforms you have addressed and whether your name appears in the programme before or after the tea break.

The person listed before the tea break has the larger shoe. Their ideas are consequently larger. The person listed after the tea break is dealing with a structural disadvantage that no quality of thinking will easily overcome.

I have been on both sides of this. Early in my career I had a small shoe. My ideas were received as promising, which is a word that means not yet ready for the table. As my shoe size grew, through the accumulation of institutional affiliations and published work, I noticed that the same ideas I had been offering for years began to be received as insights. The insights had not changed. The shoe had grown.

This is not a problem unique to India, though we have refined it to a particular elegance. We have added layers of complexity around seniority, qualification, gender and the specific hierarchy of which institution you represent.

A young woman from a rural background offering an observation about rural livelihoods is received as a data point. A distinguished gentleman from an elite institution offering the same observation is received as analysis. The difference between a data point and analysis, in this context, is shoe size.

Swami Vivekananda famously wore very little when he walked into the Parliament of the World's Religions in 1893. He had no institutional affiliation, no letters before his name and no large shoe. What he had was something the room had not encountered before, which is the kind of clarity that does not require permission. The room was startled into listening. This remains, in my reading of him, an exception of instructive rarity. Most rooms do not reorganise themselves around clarity. They reorganise around shoe size.

The productive response, I have concluded, is not to pretend the system does not exist. It exists with great persistence and will outlast any individual's irritation with it. The productive response is to understand it well enough to work within it without being entirely captured by it. This means occasionally using whatever shoe size one has accumulated to amplify the person in the smaller shoe, not to speak on their behalf, which is a different and more patronising transaction, but to create the conditions under which they are heard directly.

It also means retaining, regardless of one's own shoe size, the capacity to recognise a good idea when it arrives without a large shoe attached to it. This capacity diminishes with institutional seniority in ways that should alarm us more than it typically does.

I check my own shoe size periodically. It has grown over the years, as these things tend to. I try to remember that the shoe is not the foot and the foot is not the person and the person is not the idea. The idea stands or falls on its own terms, in a room that usually does not know this yet.

That is the work. It is slow work. But it is the only kind that does not eventually embarrass you.

Dr. R. Balasubramaniam is the Founder of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM). 'The Lighter Side' is a series of satirical articles meant to bring a smile by highlighting the funny side of everyday life.]

Seer lauds traditional practices for healthy living

Suttur Seer

Mysuru, May 20 (BS)- Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji observed that both health and culture can be preserved by following the traditional practices and scientific wisdom embedded in Indian culture after careful understanding and analysis.

He was speaking after inaugurating 'Kodu Kolluvavara Samavesha', an exhibition-cum-sale of naturally dyed cotton handloom products organised by Charaka Women's Multipurpose Industrial Co-operative Society, Heggodu-Bheemanakone in Sagar taluk, at Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC) in city recently.

The Seer said that in the modern era, maintaining good health has become essential, while preserving tradition and cultural values is equally important. Appreciating the work of Charaka, he noted that the organisation has been promoting such initiatives for several decades and deserved support from both society and the Government.

President of Charaka Women's Multipurpose Industrial Cooperative Society Mahalakshmi, Mysuru Book Clubs Founder Shubha Sanjay Urs, Founder of Charaka Prasanna and others seen displaying handloom products at 'Kodu Kolluvavara Samavesha' in city recently.

Referring to former Rangayana Director Prasanna's hunger strike to protect the indigenous cotton industry at Badanavalu in Nanjangud taluk, the Swamiji said the protest had compelled the Government to release funds for the sector and stressed that the assistance should be utilised for the intended purpose.

Mysuru Book Clubs and Charitable Trust Founder Shubha Sanjay Urs said the very mention of Charaka instantly evokes memories of Mahatma Gandhi and the freedom movement. She noted that Charaka has today emerged as a symbol of sustainable culture and traditional skills, empowering hundreds of women.

Charaka Society Founder Prasanna said the organisation has been carrying out several innovations, including the production of children's garments and traditional robes worn by heads of mutts using turmeric and neem-based natural dyes, which are considered beneficial for health.

Joint Director of Department of Handlooms and Textiles (South Zone) B.R. Yogesh said a proposal would soon be submitted to the Government seeking a rebate for Charaka products.

Deputy Director of Handlooms and Textiles B.S. Somashekar, Charaka President Mahalakshmi, CEO Terence Peter, Marketing Manager Krishna, Madhura and Head of the Designing Department Padmashri were present.

This market buzzes with chemical-free produce

Ten years on, Farmers' Weekly Market at CADA Office draws loyal customers

The Farmers Market at CADA-Cauvery Office on Sayyaji Rao Road turns into a hub of organic trade every Sunday, selling a wide range of healthy products.

Mysuru, May 20 (PM&BCT)- For the past decade, the Command Area Development Authority (CADA-Cauvery) Office on Sayyaji Rao Road in Mysuru has turned into a hub of organic trade every Sunday, as farmers from Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar districts gather for the Farmers' Weekly Market.

Started with the aim of promoting farmer self-reliance and connecting consumers directly with chemical-free produce, the market has steadily built a loyal customer base in city.

Held every Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm, the market offers a wide range of products including fruits, vegetables, millets, rice, pulses, groceries, cold-pressed oils, snacks and natural household products.

Farmers also bring value-added items they have prepared themselves, such as herbal tooth powders, soaps, spice mixes, papads and traditional preserves.

Healthy and quality food

The initiative was launched through the collective efforts of farmers, including Aluru Murthy from Chamarajanagar, Mahadeva Prasad, Shanti Prasad, Anand and M.N. Krishnaprasad. At present, around 15 to 20 farmers regularly participate, selling produce grown on their farms.

"We consider this a farmers' movement," said Murthy, who runs a stall under the banner 'Arogya Butti.' "By processing and selling our produce directly, farmers get better returns while customers receive healthy and quality food," he added.

The concept, he said, was inspired by farmer leader late Prof. M.D. Nanjundaswamy, who advocated farmer-led markets and direct sales.

Fair pricing

According to the participating farmers, prices are fixed transparently. Though organic produce may cost slightly more than regular market rates, consumers are assured of chemical-free products and fair pricing.

"Our prices may sometimes be about 20 percent higher than HOPCOMS rates, but at times they are even lower," Murthy explained. "The idea is to ensure fair income for farmers and healthy food for consumers."

The Agriculture Department has extended basic support by providing space, drinking water and toilet facilities at the venue.

However, farmers say additional infrastructure, such as storage rooms, permanent stalls or dedicated shops near the City Bus Stand would help them expand the initiative and sell produce throughout the week on a rotational basis.

The market's continued success over the last 10 years, farmers say, reflects the growing trust consumers place in directly sourced organic produce free from middlemen.

From rare grains to health drinks...

Among the regular participants at the Farmers' Weekly Market is Mahadeva Prasad from Kollegal taluk, who sells staples including paddy, black rice, black gram and bamboo rice.

Organic farmer Indiramma brings homemade products such as *sambar* powder, chickpeas and groundnuts prepared without chemicals.

Krishnamurthy, an M.Sc graduate in botany and a medicinal plant expert, sells traditional health drinks like *kashaya* and *ambali*, which have gained popularity among visitors.

Another attraction at the market is Chandregowda's herbal tea and drumstick leaf tea powder. Together, the farmers have helped the market earn a reputation for quality, trust and direct farm-to-consumer sales.

Speakers stress role of women in Sangh's 100-year journey

Mysuru, May 20 (VNS)- An interaction on the theme 'Shatayu Sangh and Women's Participation' was organised at Silent Shores Resorts and Spa in city recently.

Delhi-based author and social worker Dr. Shobha Vijender spoke on the role of women in nation-building and the contribution of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and Rashtriya Sevika Samiti.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Shobha said that women's participation was central to family, society and nation-building. She said the RSS and Rashtriya Sevika Samiti were working towards character development and national progress.

Referring to her book 'Shatayu Sangh and Women's Participation,' she said documented accounts showed that women's role in the Sangh extended beyond participation and reflected the spirit of motherhood and service to the nation.

Delhi-based author Dr. Shobha Vijender, who addressed the gathering at Silent Shores Resorts and Spa in city recently is seen with Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Uttar Pradesh Assembly Speaker Satish Mahana and others.

Raksha Prabhu, District Guardian of Women Co-ordination, Rashtriya Sevika Samiti, said that several initiatives, including Nari Shakti Sangam, Bhajan Sandhya, entrepreneurship workshops and self-employment training programmes, had helped connect and empower women in Mysuru.

Lavanya, Co-Director of Women Co-ordination, said Indian women had historically symbolised knowledge, leadership and strength. She referred to personalities such as Gargi, Maitreyi, Ahilyabai Holkar and Rani Chennamma.

Dr. Deepa Prakash described Dr. Shobha's book as relevant in the present context and said it would help society understand the Sangh's role and vision.

Social worker and yoga practitioner D. Srihari highlighted the contribution of women in the Sangh's 100-year journey, while Guru Kathavate, Sah-Karyavah of Mysuru, said the RSS centenary marked not just the growth of an organisation but also the contribution of women in nation-building.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar said the book chronicled the 100-year journey of the RSS and Rashtriya Sevika Samiti and suggested it be translated into Kannada and other Indian languages.

In a message, Uttar Pradesh Assembly Speaker Satish Mahana said the RSS inspired people to dedicate themselves to society and the nation and stressed the importance of women in nation-building.

Dr. A.S. Chandrashekhar, BJP State OBC Morcha President Raghu Kautilya, My.Na. Lokesh, Ranganath Mysore, Vijay Kumar, Renuka Raj and others were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Tantamount

Pronunciation: TAN-tuh-mount (adjective).
Meaning: Something may be described as tantamount to something else if it is equal in value, meaning or effect.
Origin: Although tantamount (from the Anglo-French phrase tant amunter, meaning "to amount to as much") was used three different ways in the early 17th century — as a noun, verb and adjective — the adjective form has since proven paramount to English users: it's still in use while the noun and verb are obsolete. This is not to say that the adjective hasn't experienced change over the years. While it was once acceptable to use tantamount in a variety of different sentence structures, nowadays it is almost always followed by the word to. And to use it before a noun, as in "the two old friends exchanged tantamount greetings," would now be considered, er, tantamount to riding a penny-farthing or boneshaker onto the expressway.
Example: "...conducting requires more than merely gesturing with a baton — some pieces of music are tantamount to 80 minutes of hard cardio..." —Mark Shanahan, The Boston Globe, 15 Mar. 2026.

THE ODD WORD

Talalgia

Pain in heel or ankle.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Take the Fall

Meaning: Take the Fall means accept the blame and possibly the punishment for another's wrongdoing.
Origin: Although the word "fall" originated in Old English, the origin of the expression "take the fall" or "take a fall" meaning one incurs the blame for a misdeed perpetrated by another originated in the 1920s. At first, it was used only in criminal underworld slang; by the middle of the 1900s, the phrase was extended to less criminal types of blame.
Example: "It was brave of him to take the fall for Danny like that."

QUOTE BOX

I don't fancy colors of the face, I'm always attracted to colours of the brain.

— Michael Bassey Johnson

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

HEEL HEAL

Answer: High Heels.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

3	8	9	7	2	1	6	4	5
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9	6	3	5	4	2	8	1	7
5	7	8	9	1	3	4	2	6
4	1	2	6	8	7	9	5	3
2	5	7	8	6	4	1	3	9
8	9	4	1	3	5	7	6	2
1	3	6	2	7	9	5	8	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Nadal's nickname
5 Petrol in the U.S.
8 Goya's "The Duchess of __"
12 Expresses in words
13 Direct a gun
14 Inert gas
15 Spanish woman's headdress
17 Gold-coloured
18 High Power Amplifier
19 Mark of new driver (1-5)
21 Texas shrine
24 Skedaddle; run away
25 Insect stage
26 Open air
30 Specialized U.N. agency
31 New Zealand native
32 Charged atom
33 You make a lot of fuss if you play him! (3,5)
35 Mr. Kapoor of "Beta" fame
36 Alan ___ : famous Hollywood and TV star?
37 Elephant tusk
38 Rajendra Kumar's son Kumar ___
41 Electronic Industries Assoc.
42 A famous Dickens character is Little ____?
43 Ex-Indian tennis pro Vijay ___
48 British composer - "near" anagram?
49 Seventeenth letter of the Greek alphabet
50 Amer Inst. of Aeronautics and Astronautics
51 ___ about : wander aimlessly about?
52 Knock outs, abbr.
53 Called

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	N	T	S	■	I	S	I	S	■	P	T	A
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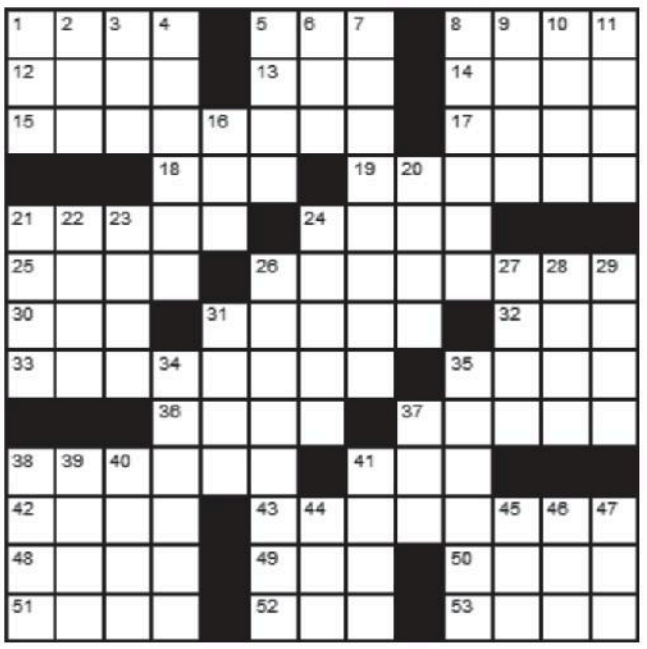
DOWN

1 Regional Sales Manager, abbr.
2 Slim battery type
3 Danish island
4 Respiration disorder
5 Festive occasion
6 Be unwell
7 Not a big shot, just a ___ ___ ? (5,3)
8 Director of "Brokeback Mountain" (3,3)
9 Star Wars princess
10 Means of fastening a door
11 Poker opener
16 First sale of a stock
20 Persian fairy
21 Peruvian carrot
22 Temporary period of inactivity or quiet
23 As similar as two peas in _ ___? (1,3)
24 The plants of a particular region
26 African ant-eater
27 Chinese, prefix.
28 Fibre obtained from coconut husks
29 Just
31 Ms Sinha of days gone by
34 New York City area
35 Embodiment or incarnation
37 Latin trio
38 Growl - "rang" anagram ?
39 Flight prefix
40 Forearm bone
41 Greek god of love
44 Electrical conductance unit
45 Inlet for "air" change !
46 Hindi movie of days gone by - "An a" anagram
47 Cut or tear in uneven manner



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

YSJ EXJKYJVY OSKXBYT BV YG JFKIUJ

YSJ QGGX YG JKXF K UBCBFE.

TODAY'S CLUE: E EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Don't be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps.

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  Billa (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  KD: The Devil (K) - 3 Shows; *Karuppu (Ta)* - 1 Show
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Sherr (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Karuppu (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Patriot (Ma) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

Pati Patni Aur Who Do (H)	(S-1)	10.35 am, 7.10 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-3)	1.45 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	(S-1)	1.10 pm, 4.10 pm
	(S-2)	10.35 am
Michael (E)	(S-2)	1.35 pm; (S-3) 4.30 pm
Krishnavataram Part 1 (H)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Billie Eilis Hit Me Hard & Soft (E)	(S-2)	7.30 pm
Athiradi (Ma)	(S-2)	10 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	(S-3)	11 am, 7.15 pm
Top Gun 1987 (E)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Karuppu (Ta)	(S-4)	10 am, 1.05 pm, 4.10 pm
		7.15 pm, 10.20 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Karuppu (Ta)	:	10.45 am, 12.45 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.30 pm, 9.20 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	10.45 am, 1.35 pm, 4.30 pm
		7.45 pm, 9.15 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	1.30 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	1.40 pm, 4.10 pm, 6.40 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (K)	:	4.30 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Pati Patni Aur Woh Do (H)	:	9.55 am, 11 am, 2 pm, 4.45 pm
		7.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Michael (E)	:	10.05 am, 4.10 pm, 10 pm
Karuppu (Ta)	:	10.50 am, 1.35 pm, 4.35 pm
		7.20 pm, 9.20 pm, 10.20 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	11 am, 4.25 pm, 6.25 pm
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (E)	:	11.45 am
Krishnavataram Part 1: The Heart (H)	:	12.30 pm, 6.55 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	12.50 pm, 9.50 pm
Aakhri Sawal (H)	:	1.55 pm, 7.20 pm
Sherr (K)	:	2.25 pm
IIZ: Indian Institute of Zombies (H)	:	3.35 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	5.10 pm
The Sheep Detectives (E)	:	7.50 pm
Athiradi (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Karuppu (Ta)	:	10 am, 1.05 pm, 3.45 pm
		6.50 pm, 9.30 pm
Pati Patni Aur Woh Do (H)	:	10.30 am, 1.10 pm, 4.15 pm
		6.55 pm, 10 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	10.35 am, 1.30 pm, 7.35 pm
Aakhri Sawal (H)	:	11.20 am, 4.30 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	1.50 pm
Veerabhadrudu (Te)	:	4.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Sherr (K)	:	7 pm
Raja Shivaji (H)	:	9.45 pm

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 20)

- **Sri Krishna Mithra Mandali, Sri Krishna Trust:** Suvarna Sambhrama, Sri Sugunendra Theertha Swamiji graces the occasion, **5 pm;** 'Raaga Sudhe' by Pt. Praveen Godkhindi and troupe, Sri Krishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **7 pm.**
- **Mysore Music Association (MMA):** 'Back to the Groove' concert, themed around Jazz, Retro and Rock, by Ayesha John along with her mother Anjali Kurian, MRC Club House - Wadiyar Pavilion, **6 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Vrindavana Sannidhana, Krishnamurthypuram:** Discourse 'Srimad Bhagavata' by Sri Suvidyendra Theertha Swamiji, Tatvajnana Mandira, Sri Raghavendraswamy Vrindavana Sannidhana, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

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Vid. Sachin Hampe

May 20: 'Kala Saptami,' weekly cultural programme, Tabla Solo by **Vid. Milind,** accompanied by **Vid. Vishwajith Kini** on harmonium, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** Sarod Recital by **Vid. Sachin Hampe**, Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC), Vijayanagar, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.** [Entry is Free]

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 21)

- **Ganabharathi:** Art patron late B.S. Suresh's 60th birth anniversary, saxophone recital by Vid. Harish Pandav, accompanied by Vid. D.V. Prahalada Rao (mridanga) & Vid. Yashaswee (violin), **9.30 am;** Inauguration, **10.20 am;** Karnatak vocal concert by Anagha Bharadwaj, accompanied by Vid. D.V. Prahalada Rao (mridanga) & Vid. Yashaswee (violin), **10.30 am;** Violin duet by Vid. Sumanth Manjunath & Malavi Manjunath, accompanied by Vid. D.V. Prahalada Rao (mridanga), **11.30 am;** Dasavani by Vidu. Sindhu Swastik, accompanied by Vid. Sujendra Rao (tabla) & Indra Kumar (harmonium), **12.30 pm;** Patriotic songs by Vidu. Rekha Venkatesh, accompanied by Vid. Ravishankar (keyboard) & Vid. Indu Shekar (tabla), **1 pm;** Drama 'Police Iddare Eccharike' by Sahyadri Kala Tanda, Shivamogga, script by P. Lankesh, direction by Dr. G.R. Lava, **2.30 pm;** Yakshagana by Mahadeva Swamy, **3.30 pm;** Folk dance by disciples of Vidu. Nagasri Phanindra Kumar, **4 pm;** Harikate by Vidu. Srilalitha Uliyaru, accompanied by Srihari Acharya Uliyaru (keyboard), Vid. Guru, Nanjangud (tabla), **4.45 pm;** Flute recital by M.K. Navneeth, accompanied by Bhuvan R. Mridangam (mridanga) & Vidu. Pruthvi Bhaskar (violin), **5.45 pm;** Bharatanatyam by Vidu. Pooja Sugam & Vidu. K.M. Samiksha, accompanied by Vid. Tanmayi Kishore (nattuvanga), Vid. Vineeth Puravankara (vocal), Vid. Vinod Shyam Anoor (mridanga) & Vid. A.P. Krishnaprasad (flute), Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6.45 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Karnataka State Open University (KSOU):** Sri Jagajyoti Basaveshwara Jayanti celebrations, Hampi Kannada University VC Prof. D.V. Paramashivamurthy inaugurates, JSS Educational Institutions (Suttur Mutt) Assistant Administrative Officer G.L. Tripurantaka chief guest, KSOU VC Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse presides, Cauvery auditorium, KSOU premises, **11 am.**
- **Desiranga Samskruthika Trust:** Staging of play 'Dore Dadiyappa,' written by Horeyala Doreswamy, senior theatre person K.J. Narayana Shetty chief guest, Trust President Krishna Janamana will be present, B.V. Karanth Ranga Vedike, Rangayana premises, **4.30 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Karuppu (Ta)	:	10 am, 1.35 pm, 3.45 pm
		7.20 pm, 9.30 pm
Veerabhadrudu (Te)	:	10.30 am
KD: The Devil (K)	:	10.35 am, 1.30 pm, 4.25 pm
		7.20 pm, 10.15 pm
Pati Patni Aur Woh Do (H)	:	11 am, 1.10 pm, 4.45 pm
		6.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Sherr (K)	:	1.40 pm
Athiradi (Ma)	:	4.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	7.40 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

KD: The Devil (K)	:	9.45 am, 1.05 pm
		4.10 pm, 7.35 pm
Karuppu (Ta)	:	9.55 am, 1.10 pm, 4 pm
		7.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Athiradi (Ma)	:	10 am, 4.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Pati Patni Aur Woh Do (H)	:	10.40 am, 1.15 pm, 3.50 pm
		6.25 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm
My Name is KD (K)	:	12.50 pm
Shikhandi (K)	:	7.05 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Book release

L.N. Varshini

Mysuru, May 20- Mysore Art Gallery has organised a programme at Bhagini Seva Samaja in Krishnamurthypuram on May 23 at 5 pm, for the launch of the book titled 'Jeevana Yana - When The Universe Sends People.'

The book, originally written in Kannada by Artist Dr. Jamunarani V. Mirle, is translated to English by her daughter L.N. Varshini, who is a Marketing Professional.

Former Mysore University VC Prof. K.S. Rangappa will release the book. Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar will be the guest of honour. Writer Dr. C. Naganna will preside. Sadvidya Institutions MC Member Dr. Nalini Chandar will speak about the book. Gallery Founder L. Shivalingappa will be present.

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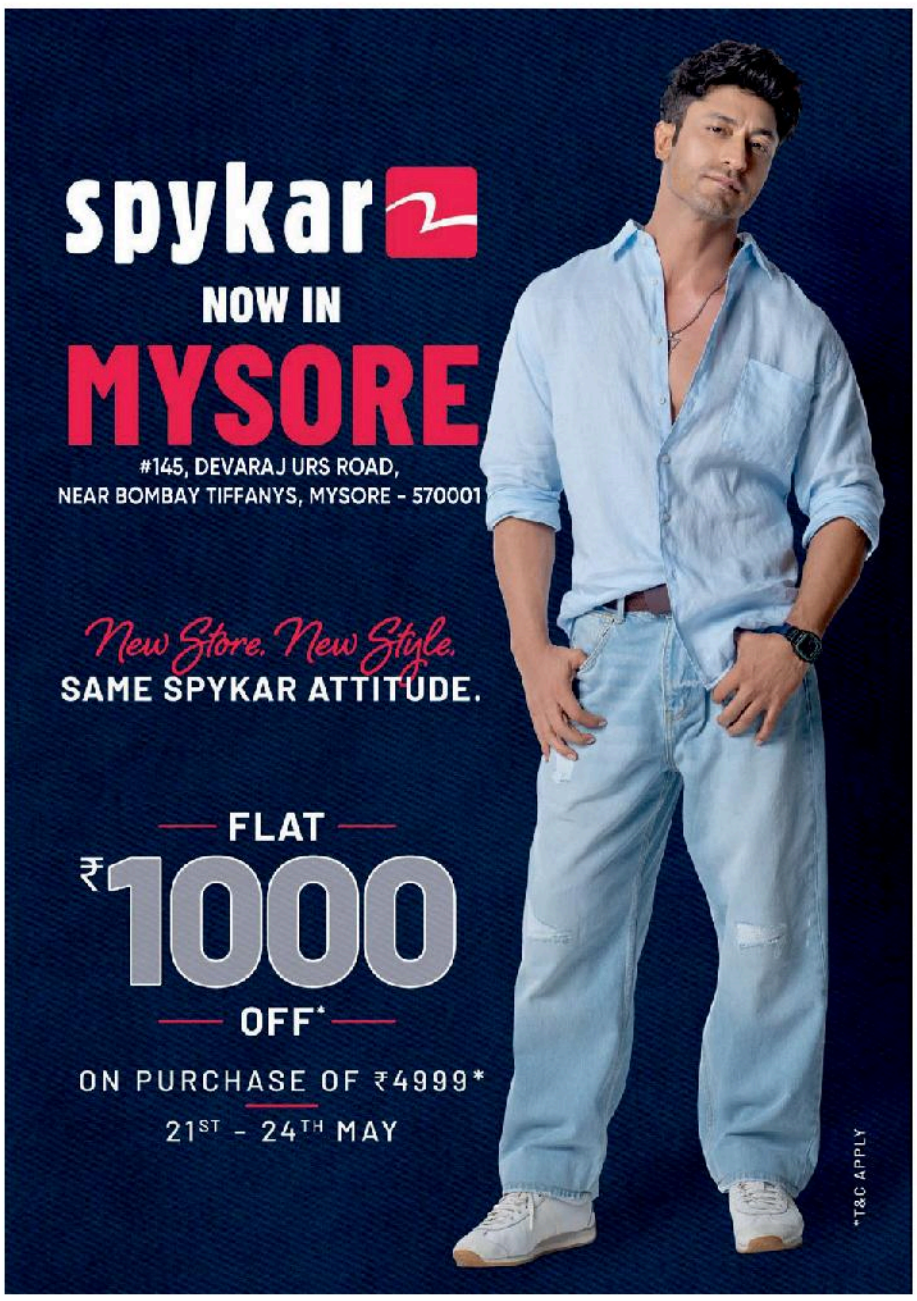

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